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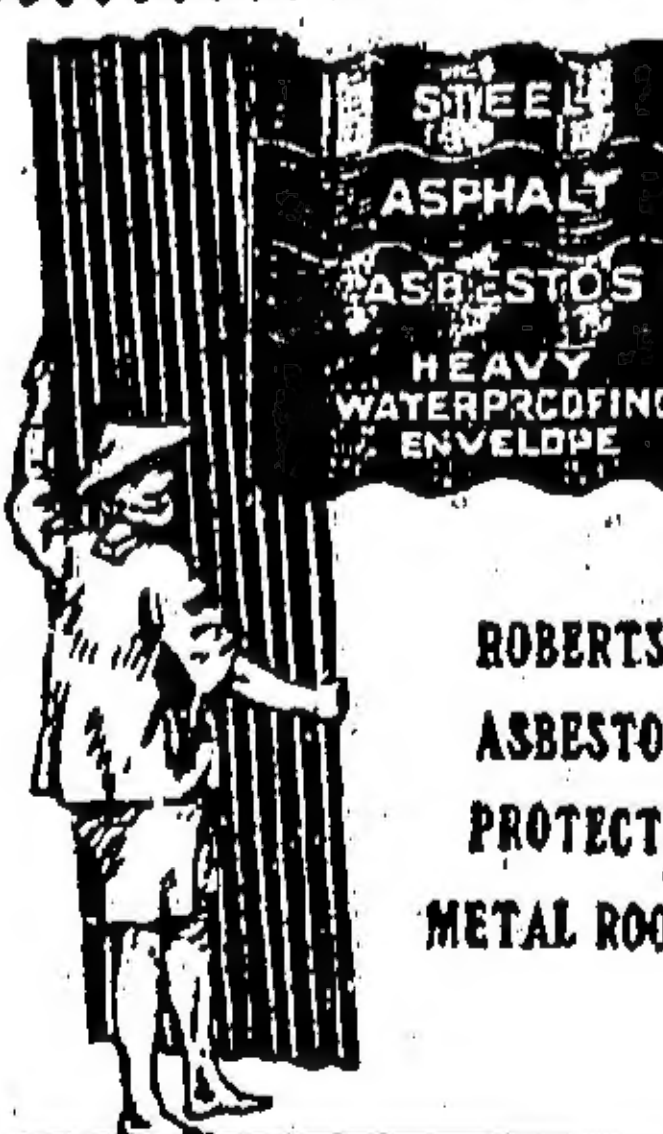
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A WIFE'S DEBTS.

WHEN A HUSBAND IS NOT LIABLE.

THE HIND-LAMBERT CASE.

Mr. W. E. Hind's contention that he was not obliged to pay for debts incurred by his wife was upheld yesterday afternoon by Mr. Justice Wood who gave a verdict in his favour in the case in which Lambert Bros. sued for \$218 for furniture sold to Mrs. Hind in the sales rooms.

His Honour emphasised that the furniture was delivered to Mrs. Hind at an address other than her own residence for the purpose of furnishing a flat which she proposed to let on her own account. The residence where defendant and his wife were living was already furnished.

The law applicable had been stated by Mr. Justice MacCardie in a judgment in 1922: "A person who deals with a married woman on credit does so, as far as regards a remedy, against the husband, at his own risk."

Continuing, His Honour said marriage in itself did not give a wife authority to pledge her husband's credit. A husband might give express authority by his wife or he might give authority by implication conferred authority to contract with one or more persons. After any such authority a wife who is living with her husband from the fact of cohabitation, is held to derive a presumptive authority to contract for her husband but that authority is strictly limited.

In the dispute between the parties no question had arisen of express authority or of authority by estoppel. The plaintiffs, therefore, in order to succeed, had to rely on the presumptive authority arising from cohabitation for the wife to pledge her husband's credit for necessities.

Lastly the fact that the plaintiffs were public auctioneers and announced in their printed conditions of sale "cash on delivery," seemed to him to estop them from setting up any presumptive authority in a married woman who might be a successful bidder at a public auction to pledge her husband's credit.

He therefore gave judgment for the defendant. Mr. Hind, who appeared yesterday at the hearing for himself as defendant, said he had already agreed with his friend to pay for the articles in question. He had contested the case purely and simply as a matter of principle.

\$10 FOR LIGHT.

CHINA LIGHT METER READER "SACKED."

A cousin failing to pay in a \$10 "deposit" to the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., because he could not find the address led to the relative—a meter reader—being bound over for six months at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday. Defendant had taken the money, without authority, from a Chinese woman. His cousin produced the sum in court. Mr. W. J. Brown said that defendant would be dismissed. In the circumstances Mr. E. W. Hamilton was satisfied with a bond.

SHIPYARD BLAZE.

10,000-TON TANKER BADLY DAMAGED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 11. A fire in the Netherlands Shipbuilding Company yard caused the destruction of a slipway and very bad damage to a new tanker of 10,000 tons nearly completed for the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

CHOLERA SCARE.

(Reuter's Service.)

There have been no further cases of cholera reported. The German steamer "Trifele" will be permitted to go to Rangoon, where it will be quarantined. The five members of the ship's company sent to hospital with cholera are progressing satisfactorily.

MEETING A NEED.

KOWLOON UNION CHURCH PROGRESS.

ANNUAL MEETING ITEMS.

At the annual meeting of the Kowloon Union Church last night, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald (Hongkong pastor) said that to-day nobody would say they had been ahead of time as it had become more evident that the church was greatly needed.

The Rev. J. Horace Johnston, B.A., presided over a large attendance of the congregation.

Mr. C. Wallace, the hon. treasurer, reported an increased balance, viz., \$731.74.

Items in the report of the hon. secretary, Mr. D. J. Purves, were:

Great advance on attendance at services since 1924.

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"MURDER" ECHO.

FREEDOM FOR NINE COOLIES.

NORTH POINT FIGHT SEQUEL.

After many weeks in custody, on remand, the nine coolies employed at the North Point Harbour works, who were arrested in connection with the death of a co-worker found beaten to death, were set free this morning.

Two workmen were tied up and attacked and one succumbed. As a result, after a count of murder has been amended, two of the defendants were held on a charge of manslaughter and the other seven on a less serious charge.

This morning Mr. R. E. Lindsell, in discharging the men, said that although he believed they were implicated it was not possible to identify them in the evidence, there being several hundreds of coolies employed.

Det. Inspector T. Murphy prosecuted for the Crown.

MOTOR DANGERS.

PERUVIAN CONSUL'S ESCAPE.

TRAM RUNS INTO A CAR.

M. Eleodoro Rouillon, the Peruvian Consul in Hongkong, escaped serious injury in a motor accident yesterday evening when the car in which he was seated was bumped in the rear by a tram.

The incident occurred at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Vaux Road Central about 7 p.m. Near the traffic policeman's post the car had drawn and, it is stated, the tram could not be brought up in time. A local resident attributes the crash to a coolie stepping in front of the pointsman at the critical moment.

Chapter of Accidents.

Leading Stoker Lamb of H.M.S. "Hawkins" was run into by motor cycle No. 549 at the foot of Garden Road a few minutes past midnight last night. The rider pulled up and found

STATION TRAGEDY.

ENQUIRY INTO SERGEANT BLACKMAN'S DEATH.

REVENUE COLLECTING "WORRIES."

Evidence was given at the inquiry yesterday into the death of Sergt. Blackman that the deceased had been ill on and off for several days before the night in the course of which the evidence points to his having shot himself. On that actual night (December 2) a Northern dialect interpreter deposed to seeing him at eight o'clock when witness went to ask him for the revolver for the patrol. The Sergt. said he was very ill but said he would see how he felt in the morning before going to hospital.

Witness put his hand on the Sergeant's head and found it very hot. He felt his cheek and it was "hot like fire." Witness was not awakened during the night and he did not hear a shot fired. The next morning Sergt. Blackman's boy made a report that the Sergeant had been found dead in bed with a shot wound in his head.

Witness added that Sergeant Blackman had a certain amount of revenue to collect from the distillery. On the night of his death there were over \$500 of revenue money in the safe.

Mr. Lindsell: Did he like collecting Government money?

Witness: No. He said that it was not Police work, and that it should be collected by the Revenue Officers.

In answer to further questions witness said that collecting the revenue money seemed to worry him. He was the only European at the station, but now there were two European officers.

Another Chinese interpreter, asked if he heard a shot, said that no one did. The night was windy and the wind made a noise in the trees near the station.

Dr. E. P. Minett, Government Bacteriologist and Officer in charge of Mortuaries, gave evidence as to the nature of the wound. The point of the entry of the bullet was charred at the edges. The bullet had gone clean through, the position of the two wounds being consistent with the wound having been self-inflicted. Dr. Minett added that examination of the body had revealed signs of advanced tuberculosis.

In reply to a question by Mr. Lindsell, Mr. Gerrard intimated that he would make inquiries to discover if Sergeant Blackman had been medically attended during the past few months, and if he had been in hospital during the past year.

At this stage the inquiry was adjourned until next Thursday at 2.15 p.m.

"RED" PARTNER.

MANAGER CHARGED WITH \$370 THEFT.

Involving his tenure of a "red" share (the owner of which, as recognised in law, is a person who is not entitled to interest on capital but who shares with the partners the surplus profit after payment of interest on capital), the manager of a Chinese rice firm was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with the theft of \$370 belonging to the firm.

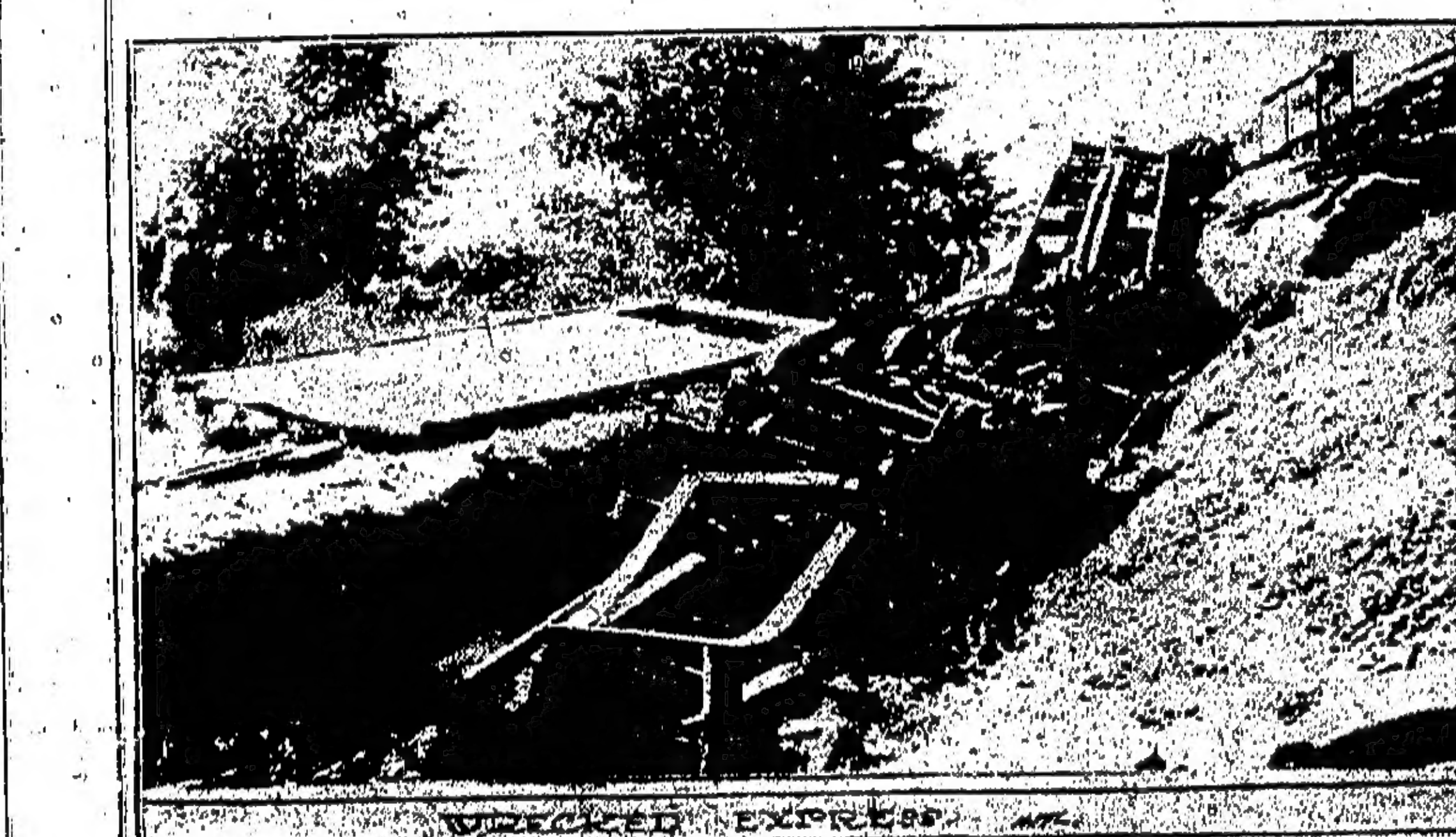
Complainant (wife of the sole proprietor) alleged that she paid defendant \$370 for settlement of an urgent account and purchase of stock. According to evidence he vanished after receiving the money but returned on three days when the master's wife was not there. On November 28 he attempted to take away the books but was arrested on the mistress' initiative.

Case adjourned.

This Wednesday the funeral took place at Macao of Mrs. Carolina Gouveia Cabral, who passed away on Tuesday at an old age. The deceased lady was the mother of Mr. Carlos Cabral of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/4 7/10.



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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION PROGRESS.

A MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Dec. 11. One of the outstanding items in the agenda of the conference was disposed of amid universal satisfaction.

All the details of the constitution disarmament commission, together with the procedure and programme, were completed and undoubtedly will be approved at to-morrow's sitting of the Council.

The commission will probably meet at Geneva in February. The States on the Council all agreed to serve on the Commission. Invitations will now be sent to other Powers, including Germany, Russia and the United States.

Geneva, Dec. 11. A private sitting of the Council of the League approved the programme of the preparatory committee for the disarmament conference.

GOLD BAR THEFT.

LOCAL MERCHANT REPORTS LOSS.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

A case of gold bars, valued at over \$20,000 has been spirited away, reports a Jervois Street merchant.

Instructions were given to a foki to ship two cases to Hoihow, but a telegram came saying they had not been received. Subsequent inquiries led to the foki being suspected.

A reward of \$500 has been offered. It is stated, together with 10 per cent. of property recovered.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Li Lip to be "Forest Officer" for the control and superintendence of the forest of the Colony (Cheung Chai), with effect from December 1, 1925.

TRADE LOAN.

3½ LAKH APPLICATION APPROVED.

It is reported in the vernacular papers that the eighth application, under the Government Trade Loan, has been approved to the amount of \$344,000.

Merchants requiring urgent consideration of applications are, continues the report, requested to communicate with Mr. A. E. Wood at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

FRATERNITY TRIP.

LOCAL MERCHANTS TO SAIL TO-MORROW.

According to present arrangements the party of Hongkong merchants comprising the "fraternity" body to visit Canton are likely to leave by steamer for Canton to-morrow.

Corrected hours for late Yeh-tai-fai (last departure) — Yau-mat 2.20 a.m. Hongkong 2.40 a.m. Fare 20 cents monthly ticket not valid.

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NERVOUS WIFE.

"WALKED ABOUT HOME
HALF-NAKED."

ASYLUM THREAT.

Remarkable evidence was given at Hereford County Police Court when Mrs. Hughes, formerly extension lecturer for the University of Wales, and examiner in domestic science to the Central Welsh Board, applied for a separation order against her husband, the Rev. Ernest Augustine Hughes, Nonconformist minister, of Kenchester, near Hereford.

Mrs. Hughes said that she had been ill for some time, and was in an exceedingly weak condition. A nurse came at Christmas, and her husband said, "You are going away."

DOCTOR'S REFUSAL.

Later, he showed her a big book, and said: "That is where you are going to-morrow. You like to read about hills. You are going to a mental home at Church Street."

The next day a number of motor-cars arrived at the house containing two doctors, a wardress, a policeman, and other people, but a Dr. Smith refused to certify her as insane.

She stayed at the house, but her husband did not speak to her, and later he went to live with his sister. Eventually her husband's sister, with five men and a policeman, gained entrance to the house and took away everything belonging to her husband and some of her own furniture.

HER DEMAND.

She received, through solicitors, an offer of thirty shillings a week, but she said that, she would not accept it unless she had fifty pounds down and the whole of her furniture. She would then sign an agreement not to live within two miles of Kenchester.

Mr. Churchill: Did you not roam the house half-naked?

Mrs. Hughes: I had to take my upper garments off because of my illness.

Mr. Hughes said his wife suffered from nerves, and had run away from a neurosthenic home. He had to do the housework because his wife would not. Two servants had run away and a housekeeper left after she had been at the house for only a quarter of an hour.

An order for payment of 25s. a week was made.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1903-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level. To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamport Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 9 to 15, 1925.

	HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Thurs. 9	12.25	5.5	1.15	1.5	10.20	1.5	11.15	5.5
Fri. 10	12.15	5.5	1.10	1.5	10.10	1.5	11.05	5.5
Sat. 11	12.05	5.5	1.05	1.5	10.00	1.5	10.55	5.5
Sun. 12	11.55	5.5	1.00	1.5	9.50	1.5	10.45	5.5
Mon. 13	11.45	5.5	0.55	1.5	9.40	1.5	10.35	5.5
Tue. 14	11.35	5.5	0.50	1.5	9.30	1.5	10.25	5.5
Wed. 15	11.25	5.5	0.45	1.5	9.20	1.5	10.15	5.5

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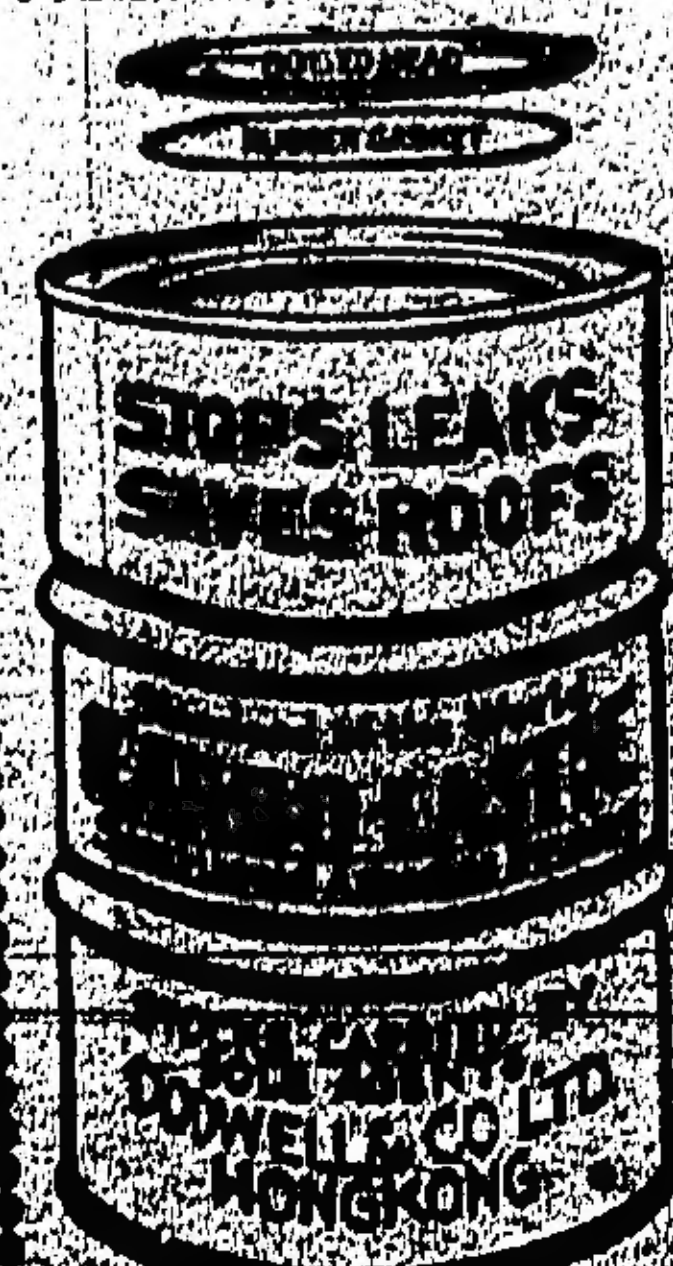
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tion," "Products," "Labour,"
"Opium," "Commerce," "Ship-
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The Report of the Shanghai Child
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February from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Arrangements for Ball Tickets
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remain as already instructed for
the original date, unless the
Honorary Secretary is notified in
writing of any changes on or
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Owing to the resignation of Mr.
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E. B. C. HORNELL,
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Hongkong 3rd December, 1925.

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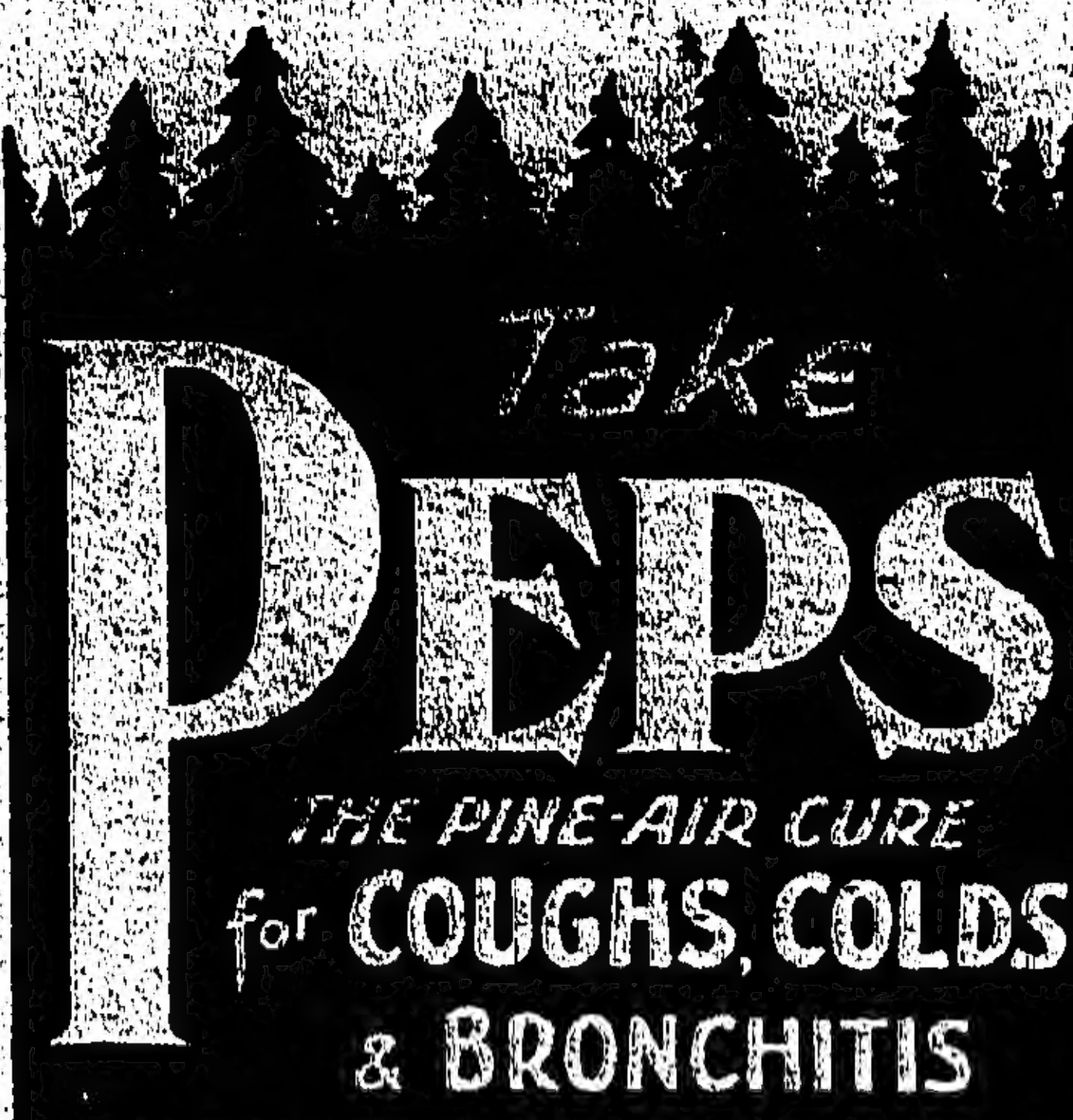
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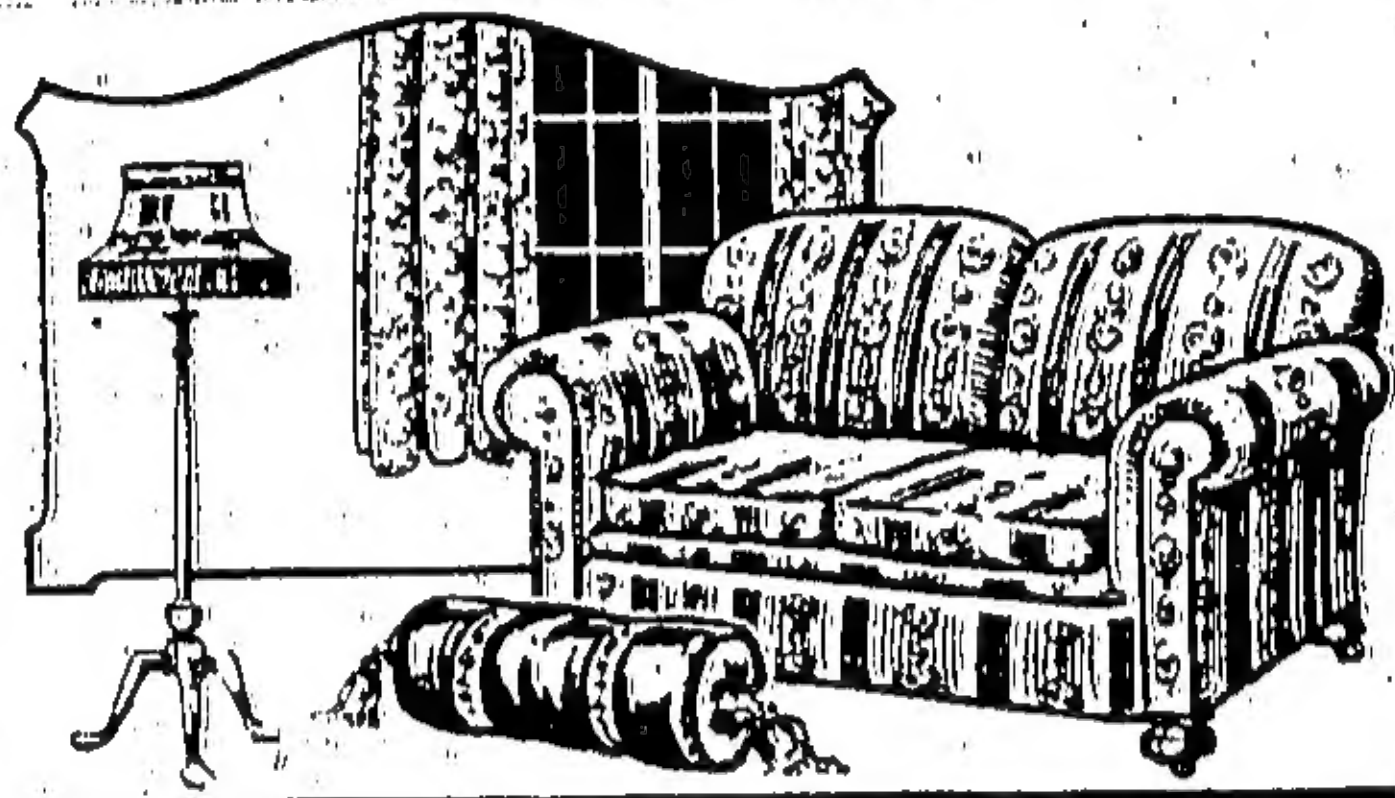
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DOING THINGS BETTER.

They do these things better in France, says Laurence Sterne—or something to that effect. The thought occurs to us that they do certain things better elsewhere than they do in Hongkong. When the "Carinthia" with its load of tourists, got to Manila, the famous Constabulary band of that place was on hand to play a vigorous welcome to the visitors. There was also floral evidence of the feelings of the place. Hongkong, coldly aloof, exhibits the British and often misunderstood characteristic of aloofness if not of coldness. These visitors from a very friendly place—relatives they might well and truthfully be called—come and go. We see them and they see us. There is no "glad to see you" and no attempt to show that feeling. Great artists come to us and the same indifference is in evidence. In Shanghai and in Kobe they do things differently. A great artist is welcomed for his or her own sake, and is often asked to speak on the things of this life, and in particular its art. The great city of Liverpool has recently been "At Home" to its own people and to its visitors. Big offices, factories, ships, institutions, etc., were open to all and sundry. The people were invited to see wherein lay the city's claim to material and other greatness; and doubtless they profited by the experience. Hongkong's industrial and maritime eminence is now beyond dispute; but few are able to speak of those things which give rise to this claim. We read and hear, from time to time, of the Shing Mun Valley water scheme. It would do no one any harm to be taken over the ground and to have some idea of the immensity of the scheme and its probable ameliorative effects in the not distant future. We are citizens of no mean city or place, but rest content with the fact as given to us in Budget speeches or in some such piece of hackneyism as—"Shipping is the life-blood of the Colony." What is the matter with the idea of a Welcome Committee? Chinese and foreigners would find this a common meeting ground, for prosperity and progress are as much to the credit of the Chinese as the foreigner. This in existence, our visitors

would not go unwelcomed whilst residents themselves would have work to do and would in turn become enlightened as to the reason for being modestly proud of Hongkong.

THEY SAY THAT—

I advocate equality for women, but only equality.—Mrs. Francis Neilson.

No one can know more than a little about London.—Mr. James Bond.

How men look their best on their wedding day.—Mrs. Belkoe Lowndes.

Bad foreign politics inevitably breed bad trade.—Sir Donald Muckean.

This people in England really don't care for this theatre any more.—Mr. Basil Dean.

I cannot believe that ever again a great European War will be regarded as anything but a great disaster.—Lord Grey.

It is almost impossible to interest highly educated men and women without becoming unintelligible to many persons in the Church.—Dean Inge.

There is a great deal of suffering among intellectual workers in England. The Philistines rule everywhere instead of the intellectuals.—Mr. Israel Zangwill.

I do not like to see British seamen trying to get employment when some of our British ships have not got men of the Empire's race on board.—Lord Jellicoe.

I would rather my boys have to work for anything they get than live on anything I have to leave them, as it is not good for anyone to get anything for nothing.—Viscountess Astor, M.P.

NEW NAMES AND OLD.

The world becomes every day more difficult to live in, observes the "Daily Telegraph." As if it were not enough to learn half our geography over again, nations, countries, places, are continually changing their names. We do not challenge their right to do so or hint a doubt that their reasons are ample. That Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia are words necessary to the safety, honour, and welfare of those great States we faithfully believe, but we may be allowed a sentimental sigh for Bohemia and Croatia and Serbia. That Christianity should become Oslo we duly acclaimed as a right celebration of Norway's ancient fame. The world applauded when St. Petersburg became Petrograd, and accepted, if with a smile, its transformation into Leningrad. That the Irish Free State should call Queenstown Dunlaoghaire troubles none of us except those who are asked to pronounce the new names. Now the Urban Council of Holyhead has proclaimed that henceforth their town shall be called Caergybi. What was the immediate cause of this display of Celtic fervour we are not informed, not to be outdone by the opposite number, Kingstown, alias Dunlaoghaire. Caergybi is an ancient name, and Cybi, we understand, was a saint of repute, and a vast majority of the people of Anglesey, and doubtless of Holyhead, count Welsh their native tongue. Who would deny their right to give the town its Welsh title? In spite of the sophistries of Shakespeare, there is a great deal in a name. A mistake in a man's address, even a misspelling, has been known to produce hatred and malice. "The Smith that spells without a y," the poet sings, "is not the Smith for me." To blunder about the town or the district of a man's habitation, especially if there is some tricky way of setting down the name, is to lose a friend. If we knew anybody in Holyhead we should now take particular pains to address to him at Caergybi. But there are limits. We who are not Celts cannot be expected to take tickets to Ireland via Caergybi and Dunlaoghaire, and if we tried we should but drive blameless but English book-keepers mad. The fate of ancient languages will not be decided by these revivals or by the inability of the alien tongue to deal with the result. What language is used for the workaday purposes of life will be the end a matter of practical convenience. The chief danger to the national language of a small community is in that pressure and in the perishing power of the speech of the larger country adjacent. Words and idioms of the tongue of the neighbours are likely to steal in and corrupt linguistic vigour and individuality.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Sometimes we claim these to be the days of the inventor, but in the year 1849

died a very remarkable man, Sir Marc Brunel, whose entire life was spent in thinking out and perfecting an amazing number of inventions dealing with almost every sphere of life under the sun, and many of the results of his genius stand now as boons to mankind, without bearing any improvement since the day on which he patented them.

The following list of some of the inventions with which Brunel is credited will go far to show the wide variety of his wonderful, ingenious mind: He devised a machine for twisting cotton and forming it into balls, another for hemming and stitching, another for knitting, further ones for copying letters, for ruling paper, for nail-making, for making wooden boxes, and a hydraulic packing-press, besides new methods for building suspension bridges and a process for erecting wide, low arches for bridges.

Again, too, he was employed in the construction of the first Ramsgate steamer, and was the first to suggest the use of steam-tugs to the Admiralty—which idea, it may be added, was contemptuously rejected to the first instance. Somebody once playfully suggested to him that he might invent a card shuffler, and it was not long before he produced such a novelty, which took the form of a box into which the pack of cards was put, a handle turned, and in a few seconds the sides flew open to disclose the pack neatly divided into four equal parts well mixed.

Possibly his most famous piece of work was the Thames Tunnel, whereby he connected the shores of Essex and Kent. He began this in 1825, but so great were the difficulties involved that it was not till 1843 that the tunnel was opened.

From these examples it can be seen what a very remarkable man Marc Brunel was, and yet, with all these inventions to his credit, he was always poor, and often heavily in debt.

To-morrow is St. Lucy's Day, a story of a saint who was so well known, perhaps, as others, but who nevertheless was martyred like many another, in the year 304, in Syracuse, under the persecution of the cruel Emperor Dioclesian.

The story is told that St. Lucy scorned the persistent attentions of a rich young nobleman of the city, and, finding that all he could do to win her was of no avail, for she wished to devote herself entirely to religious life, he accused her before the governor of the city as one who professed Christian doctrines, and the result was that she was condemned to death and executed. A curious legend is told about the saint, that on her lover telling her that her beautiful eyes haunted him day and night she had them cut out and sent to him, begging him now to leave her unmolested to lead the life she wished. It is added that Heaven restored to her her eyes, and that they were more beautiful than ever.

Because of this old legend St. Lucy is often spoken of as the patron saint of the blind.

SHAKESPEARE'S CHOSEN AUDIENCE.

Around the man Shakespeare has grown up a whole literature of conjecture; around his works hangs a library of scholarly comment. If we wish to know the force of human genius, we should read Shakespeare, says Mazzini; if we wish to see the insignificance of human learning, we may study the commentators. The moral is, do not approach Shakespeare by way of the critics but directly.

To read the plays aright, one must know something of men, as the dramatist saw them, in an age when sanitation was unknown and dirt and vice flouted themselves openly in the public street; an age when superstition held men in thrall. To what good use the poet put the fear of the supernatural, and what a wealth of fairy-tales he found along English hedgerows! Ariel and Caliban, Titania and Puck, the Weird Sisters—these were all as real to Elizabethan audiences as Anthony and Cleopatra. To read Shakespeare aright one must know something of the dewy lanes of Shottbury and Stratford from which he drew such lyric strains, of the long walks to London.

You have never tramped along that countryside? By Bardon Heath?

Ah, well, you would not know my fairylands. One must know something, too, of the bare stage and the noisy Elizabethan audience and remember that Shakespeare was not writing his plays for posterity but for the groundlings of London. Had he foreseen that his plays would be placed in the homes of to-day alongside the Bible, he might have written worse plays—who knows? He was writing for the England he loved and understood, as no man before him had understood, and along with the coarse jokes and rough repartee, he poured out the best of him, trusting that somehow it would reach the heart of his England; and it did. If the audience of Shakespeare was lacking in delicacy and refinement, it was the crudeness and naive audacity of youth. To have great singers we must have great listeners, too, said another poet much later; and not since the days of Greek tragedy had there been such an audience, so imaginative and responsive, as this one in the golden days of Merry England. —Nellie Burget Miller, in "The Living Drama."

WEATHER LORE.

Weather lore, too, is found to flourish on these coasts (Norfolk and Suffolk): the fishermen, as well as the husbandmen, in the rural districts believe that "a red west" is a sign of wind, or, as some of the peasants give it, in rhyme: "Evening red, and morning grey."

Said the traveller on his way: But evening grey, and morning red, Send the traveller to bed."

The appearance of the rainbow is always noticed by the shepherd, for—

A rainbow at morning Is the shepherd's warning; But a rainbow at night Is the shepherd's delight.

"A burr"—that is, a halo—round the moon is a sign of rain, if it is large. The proverb is:—

"Far burr, near rain; Near burr, far rain."

In autumn— "A mackerel sky. Is either very wet or very dry."

When a robin sings at the bottom of a bush it betokens bad weather, but if he sings at the top of a bush it will be fair.

Another proverb is thus expressed:—

"March dry, good eye; April wet, good wheat."

When you see the grey "shepherd's flock" before eight o'clock in the morning it will rain before night.

"If it rains before seven, 'Twill cease before eleven."

The sun rising clear in the morning and going to bed again (as it is called) immediately is a sure indication of a foul day. When the small clouds are seen scudding before larger ones they are called "water-curtains," and rain is sure to follow.

"When the wind's in the south, 'Tis in the rain's mouth; When the wind's in the east, 'Tis good for neither man nor beast."

There is also a saying with reference to the new moon that—

"When early seen, 'Tis seldom seen."

on account of the rain-clouds which are said to follow its early appearance. The new moon, "lying on her back," with the horns of her crescent pointing upwards, is believed to indicate a dry moon; and, on the contrary, when the new moon appears with the horns of the crescent pointing downwards, or, as it is locally expressed, "when it hangs dripping," it will be a wet moon.

When the new moon happens on a Saturday it is superstitiously believed to be a sign of unfavourable weather; thus—

"A Saturday moon. If it comes once in seven years, 'Tomes no soon."

The following are also common weather proverbs:—

"If the rainbow comes at night, The rain is gone quite."

"When it rains with the wind in the east, 'T rains for twenty-four hours at least."

"May never goes out without a wheat ear."

"The grass that grows in January Grows no more all the year."

Very pleasant it is to sit and muse thus upon the lore of these hardy coast-folk.—Morley Adams, in "The Footsteps of Borrow and Fitz-Gerald."

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"IOLANTHE."

ANOTHER AMATEURS' SUCCESS.

MUSIC, WIT AND COLOUR.

(By An Old Play-goer.)

Catchy tunes, clever wit, delightful singing, a boy of beauty, scenery and costumes that please the eye and many of our own friends taking part in this delightful comedy—what more can we ask? We have all of this and more in the latest production arranged by our local Philharmonic Society. "Practice makes perfect," says the old tag; since May last Messrs. Collet, Gillingham, and many others have been at work; last night we saw the result of their industry. Many of the principals had the experience gained in "The Yeoman of the Guard" and "The Gondoliers" and the new recruits have strengthened this band of amateurs.

Always A Delight.

The Gilbert and Sullivan operas are so popular in England that they have been revived time after time. There never has been for the theatre such a wonderful combination of genius as these two men supplied. As so often happens, the genius was not fully recognised until years after it was apparent. The tunes and the words, as soon as they appeared, immediately delighted the public and yet the variety and the value of the gifts offered to those who go to the theatre were not at once realised. It is safe to say that in a hundred years' time the Anglo-Saxon race will insist on Gilbert and Sullivan revivals.

There is no need to relate the story of "Iolanthe" as, not only is it well known, but it can be easily picked up in our local theatre. What should be told is the tale of the doings of last night. We should enthuse about the beautiful voice of the shepherdess Phyllis. This "star" part is taken by Mrs. Bowes-Smith and a whole article could be devoted to the attempt to write about her magnificent singing. No one who has a fine voice, it pleases also because she has been trained so well. Perhaps the best solo was "For Riches and Rank I do not long" but the duet with Stephen (Mr. J. C. Lyall) "If we're weary enough to carry, ere we marry, you and I" was a great success. This is the first time that Mrs. Bowes-Smith has assisted in theatricals in Hongkong, although music lovers have heard her before in the City Hall.

The Chancelor is played by an experienced craftsman, Mr. A. J. Brock. He took the part of Guiseppe in the last production. His two songs, "When I went to the Bar as a very young man" and the "nightmare" song, are excellent. The "hiccup" in the encore verse last night was much appreciated. He is very good indeed in the dancing and general comedy. There is a chorus of Lords, the "leads" being Messrs. D. M. Ryeroff and D. M. Richards. The former sings "When Britain really ruled the waves" admirably. The latter makes the most of the solo "spurn not the nobly born," or as it is sometimes called "the blue blood song." These two are at their best in the by-play over Phyllis—not quite a quarrel, but a dispute as to which shall forego his claim. Mr. Richards was Fairfax in the "Yeoman" and Lutz in the "Gondoliers."

Mrs. Collett as "Iolanthe" has not the same scope for her voice as she had in the two previous productions. It is heard to advantage in the suppliant song. Mrs. Mathieson is the Queen of the Fairies—she was Dame Carruthers and also the Duchess of Plazators. Her song at the end of the first act is most pleasing.

Real Fairies.

Much praise is due to the three leaders of the fairy chorus. These charming young ladies, called Ceila, Leila, and Fleta are known in real life as Mrs. Bellamy and the Misses Punchedon and Jefford. There are, in all, 25 fairies and these three leaders; small wonder that fairy stories are popular! With the 25 men in the chorus there is a very strong support for the "leads." At the end of Act 1 there are over 60 people on the stage.

Mr. G. H. Percy, as Sergeant Willis, has a song that is as well known as the "Girl I left Behind Me" or "Over There." It is the famous senny song in the opening of Act 2 about the little "liberal" or "conservative." He makes the most of it and well deserved the encore.

We miss old stage friends of the "Yeoman" and "Gondoliers," Mrs. Douglas Reid and Messrs. Leys, Gillingham, and Weller.

TAX FOREIGNERS.

CUSTOMS CONFERENCE PROPOSAL.

CHINA'S TARIFF RIGHTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Dec. 11.

Important proposals, considerably extending the scope of the Tariff Conference, discussions, were placed before the Conference Committee this morning by the Chinese delegates. Presenting the Chinese proposals concerning the revision of the Customs schedule and duties on imports, Mr. Tsui Ting-kan suggested that inasmuch as the conference had unanimously recognised China's right to tariff autonomy and provided it was enforced on January 1, 1929, it went without saying that from that date the valuation of commodities will be done according to the laws promulgated by the Chinese Government instead of as a result of international agreement as heretofore. The Chinese Government, however, will, for the purpose of the interim period, in harmony with the spirit of the Washington Conference, lay before the present Conference draft regulations relating to tariff revision and request representatives of the Powers interested, to give them careful consideration. After discussion, it was decided to postpone consideration to a later meeting in order to enable experts to examine the proposal.

NON-CHINA OBLIGATIONS.
Dr. C. T. Wang then read two further declarations, the first of which concerned the levying of duties and taxes on foreigners residing in China. It refers to the difficulties experienced by the Chinese Government in collecting national taxes from foreigners and also Chinese residing in the Settlement and railway zones, and mentions that, as soon as likin was abolished, the Government would be compelled to devise new and reasonable taxes in substitution of the old. The declaration concludes: "Consequently the Chinese Government declares that foreigners in China, whether residing within or outside the Settlements or within the railway zones, as well as other localities, shall discharge equally with Chinese, their fiscal obligations according to the laws promulgated by China. It is hoped that the plenipotentiary delegates of the Powers will appreciate the reasonableness of this declaration."

LIKIN TO BE ABANDONED.
The second declaration, which was received with general satisfaction by foreign delegates, as constituting a first step towards the abolition of likin, stated that the Chinese Government was prepared three months after the close of the Conference to relinquish the right to levy existing export duty on native goods not destined for exportation abroad, and the coast trade duty, and hereafter the export duty will not be levied on native goods shipped from one Chinese port to another. In order, however, to prevent such goods being fraudulently shipped to foreign ports, the exporter will be required to pay a regular export duty at the first port to secure a drawback certificate, on production of which the amount paid will be refunded upon reimportation of the goods into the second port, it being understood this arrangement does not apply to native goods exempt from export duty.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Thursday, shows two Chinese cases of enteric fever.

are not taking parts. Mr. Collet is, however, the musical director and to him must be given due honour for the successes of the splendid revivals of Gilbert and Sullivan. Mr. R. R. Davies as stage producer and Mr. J. S. Gillingham as secretary have done much to provide these delightful entertainments. The "old stage hands" and the new recruits work well together, and all of the principals carry their burden easily. The chorus has even been brought together in Hongkong. They were heard to much better advantage after the interval. All of the customers are out from England. If there is any surplus the proceeds will go to charity. A man or woman must be hard to please who expects better value for the money than this amusing and delightful comedy. The refrains are haunting and the words always provoke smiles. Let us then go to the theatre and smile! Last night's show was a real treat. There was a good house last night, and to-night the theatre will be filled. There should be good fun and much applause.

CHEMICAL SECRETS.

15 YEARS' JAIL FOR EX-OFFICIAL.

HIGH TREASON TRIAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 11.

On the ground that for money he betrayed the secrets of the works to the Inter-Allied Control Commission, Walter Pullerjahn, former official of a chemical works in a suburb of Witten, has been sentenced by the Supreme Court to fifteen years' penal servitude.

The treason trial was held in camera. It was stated Pullerjahn's information led to inspection of the works by the Commission and subsequently to serious political consequences.

FRANC SLUMPS.

FURTHER LOW RECORD REACHED.

EFFECT OF INFLATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 11.

The French franc closed at the new low record of 13.45 to the pound sterling.

Later.
The fall of the franc is mainly attributed to further inflation as disclosed in yesterday's return of the Banque de France.

PERSIA'S OPIUM.

COMING LEAGUE INQUIRY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Dec. 11.

A short session was devoted to minor matters. The League Council approved the proposal to dispatch a commission of enquiry to Persia on the subject of the cultivation of opium. It also passed a resolution thanking the Bureau of Social Hygiene at New York for the contribution it is making to the cost of the inquiry.

PORTUGAL.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Lisbon, Dec. 11.

Dr. Bernardino Machado has been elected President in succession to Senhor Gomez who has resigned for health reasons.

HABEAS CORPUS.

THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN AUSTRALIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, December 11.

The High Court has ordered the release of Walsh and Johansen, the seamen's leaders, who were last month ordered to be deported following their activities in connection with the recent strike. It is believed that the High Court's decision, which was unanimous, was based on the view that a section of the Immigration Act, under which deportation proceedings are conducted, was ultra vires, as contrary to the Australian Constitution Act. The application was made under a habeas corpus writ, but the Chief Justice said the latter was unnecessary. Walsh and Johansen intend to sue the Commonwealth Government for heavy damages for wrongful imprisonment. The costs of the case are estimated at £12,000.

MINE EXPLODES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Birmingham (Atlanta), Dec. 11.

Sixty-one miners were killed and five seriously injured as the result of a mine explosion yesterday, due to gas. Fifteen of the men in the mine escaped.

The current issue of the "Government Gazette" states that certain properties indicated being required for a public purpose, and private negotiations for the purchase thereof having, in the opinion of the Governor, failed, the said properties will be resumed by the Crown on the expiration of four months after which such compensation in respect of such resumption will be paid as may be awarded in the manner provided by the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance 1900.

CONSUL'S DEATH.

EX-LOCAL GENTLEMAN RIDER.

MONSIEUR PAUL KREMER.

At the age of 49, Mons. Paul Kremer, an old China hand who was for a number of years in the French Consulate-General in Hongkong, has passed away at Hankow, a telegram reaching the Very Rev. Fr. L. Robert to that effect on Thursday night.

The deceased Consul leaves a wife and four children to whom great sympathy will be expressed. M. Kremer was best known to the majority of the Hongkong public as a gentleman rider at Jockey Club and the (then) Gymkhana Club meetings. He was also an owner of a moderate size stable.

Of a general disposition M. Kremer was well liked in the Colony, maintaining with Madame Kremer, the best French hospitality at their Peak Road residence.

He joined the French consular service in China in 1899 and was here almost continuously from 1900 till 1920. Then after two years in Shanghai he returned here as Vice-Consul till 1923. On his departure for leave he and his wife were the recipients of gifts from the local French community. At the time of his death M. Kremer was Consul-General at Hankow and a Chevalier du Legion d'Honneur.

RUSSIA'S DEBT.

CHICHERIN TO STAY IN PARIS.

(Harpis Agency.)

Paris, December 11.

Interviewed, the Soviet Ambassador M. Rakovskii declared that M. Chicherin, who is arriving from his stay on the Riviera, will again visit M. Briand and sojourn in Paris somewhat longer than on his former passage. Rakovskii hopes to reach an agreement with regard to the settlement of the Russian debt to France.

TAJ MAHAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Philadelphia, December 11.

A contract has been signed between the Sesqui-centennial Exhibition Association representatives and private business interests in British India for the reproduction of the Taj Mahal at the centennial exhibition in 1926 to house exhibits from India.

CHARITY BAZAAR.

SOCIETY'S THANKS TO HELPERS.

ROSE DAY AND THE 1925.

The gross receipts of the Rose Day and last Sunday's Bazaar organised by the St. Vincent de Paul Society are expected to amount to about \$25,000.

The Committee desire to convey their thanks to the who assisted in making the Bazaar as successful as it could be expected considering the prevailing conditions; to the many generous contributions to the general fund of the Bazaar; to the ladies and various stores and firms who sent souvenirs and prizes for the different stalls; and to the following:

Mr. C. S. Montague Bates and Officer of the East Surrey; the Rev. Fathers of the Italian Mission; the Hongkong Electric Co.; the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department; the Public Works Department; the Hongkong Tramway Co.; the Peak Tramway Co.; the Star Ferry Co.; the Orient Tobacco Co.; the British-American Tobacco Co.; Messrs. Nanyang Brothers, Messrs. Liggett & Meyers; China Sugar Refining Co.; Tai Kok Sugar Refining Co.; Cafe Wiseman; the Dairy Farm Co.; Mr. U. Ramjani; Police Department; Pina Brigade; Campfire Department of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Hongkong Boy Scouts (1st Troop); and all others not here mentioned who contributed in any way towards the success of the Bazaar and to Messrs. Xavier Bros.; the Hongkong Territorial Estate Ltd.; and the Chinese C.Y.M.S.

NOBLE DONATIONS.
The Society has received the following additional gifts to the funds of the Bazaar: Corn, Corn \$20, St. Joseph's (additional) \$20, Madame de Courthial \$10, Mr. R. B. Cooper one new gentleman's bicycle and one decorated Christmas Tree.

CHINESE STALL RAFFLES.
Mandolin, won by ticket No. 12, F. Britto.
Guitar, won by ticket No. 1, Chang Hing-yui.
Violin, won by ticket No. 38, C. Young.

GUESSING COMPETITION RESULTS.
Sucking Pig won by Dr. C. C. Wong, Xmas Cake won by Mr. Messaboy. Turkey still in dispute.

The C.P.S., R.M.S., "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 3 p.m. left Kobe today at 6 a.m. and is due at Shanghai on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m.

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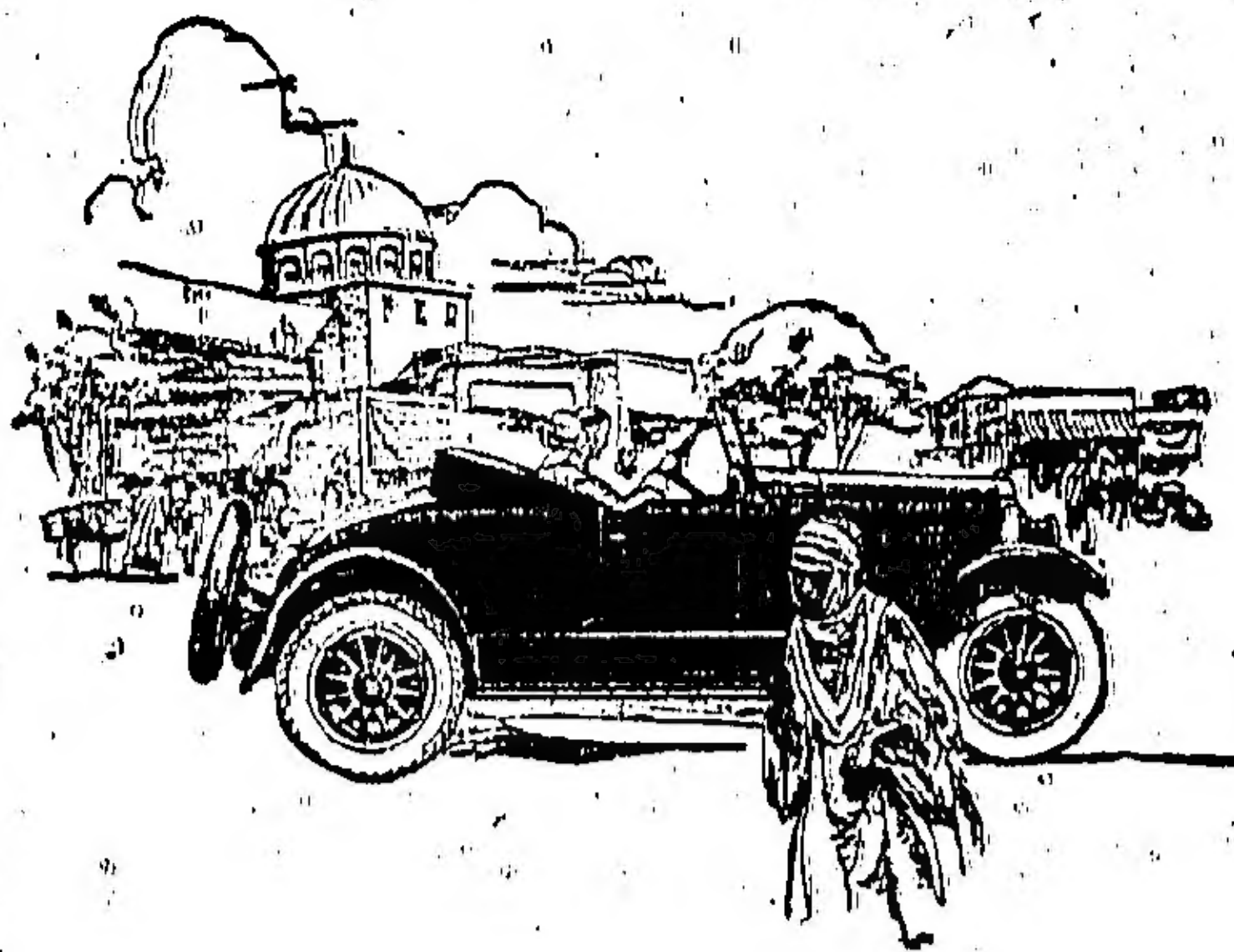
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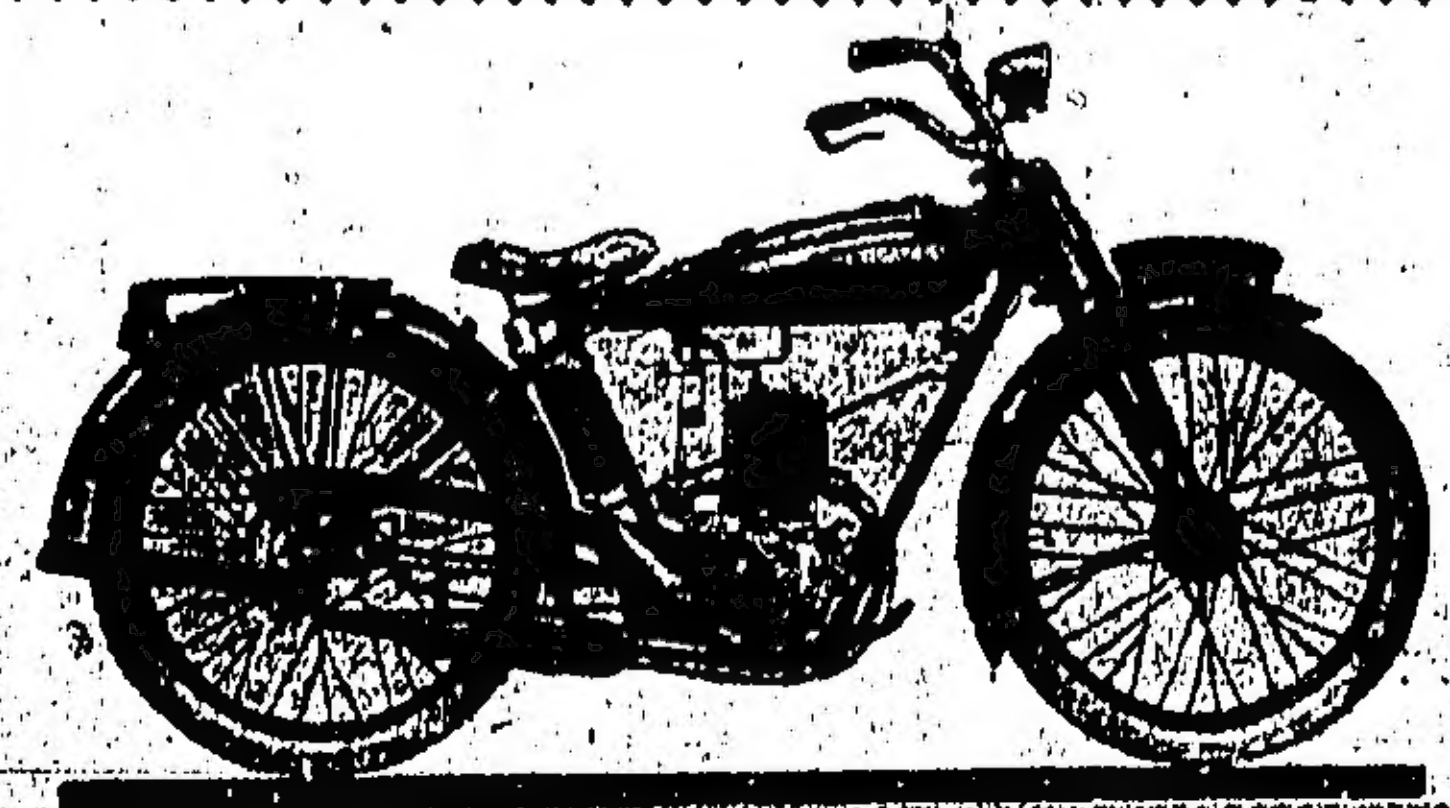
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The Shanghai A.D.C. has produced "The Young Person in Pink." This is the Club's 203rd production.

The bobbed hair tax which is being levied in Tyrolean villages may lead to a change in hairdressing fashion, as was the case in England when Pitt taxed the powder that decked the polls of the dandies and flunkeys of the 18th century. The tax, then, was a guinea a head, and the "guinea-pigs" soon dropped the powder. The curling-irons, the curling-comb, the pomatum, pot, the powder-puff, the powder-knife, and the powder-mask, soon disappeared, and many good citizens copied Bonaparte and wore their hair short, cropped. The tax was imposed in 1795, and in 1796 it yielded £210,136; in 1812 only 45,684 paid the duty, and when it was repealed as unproductive the loss to the Treasury was only £1,000.

With his customary enterprise and resource, Mr. Henry Ford is setting quietly to work to break, or at any rate to lessen, the British rubber monopoly. While other American capitalists are talking of acquiring Dutch interests, Mr. Ford is making a strong bid for home produce, and is endeavouring to grow rubber within the confines of America itself. Experiments are to be made on land which the motor wizard has silently been acquiring in Florida, and which is considered to conform in all respects to the requirements of rubber growing. With his usual thoroughness he has called in the help of experts of every kind, and as the result of their considered opinions, and after studying the scheme from every angle, has decided to start operations on an extensive scale. If successful, a vast new field will be opened up to American buyers of rubber in their own country.

On Tuesday (Dec. 15) the committee of the Hongkong General Chinese Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting at 2.30 p.m.

Patrons of the "Seventh Art"—as the French call the cinema—contributed one-third of the entire amount spent in 1924 by the theatre-going public of Paris to the movies. The box offices in the 100 and more cinema houses in the capital and suburbs last year took in 100,500,000 francs.

Turnips were one of the chief causes of the German collapse and the end of the war. This testimony was given in court at Munich by former Reichswehr Minister Noske, who squelched the communist revolt following that collapse. He also advised those who made such a poor guess as to the effect of the Americans in the war, to "keep their mouths shut now." Noske was a witness in a libel case in which the whole story of the German defeat was raked over again. He said the only thing the German people had left to eat at the end of the war was turnips.

Weather prophets say London is in for a cold, wet, dreary winter, and this has stimulated the modistes as well as their customers to urge brighter clothing for rainy days to offset the tendency to depression. The idea is that women wearing more colour will give the dismal subways a suggestion of cheerfulness. Men too are encouraged to help in the brighter London movement by wearing brighter ties. The old-fashioned notion of donning one's oldest clothes on a rainy day has been outlawed, and instead women have taken up the rainbow hues mackintosh and the "chubby" umbrellas of blue, crimson, bottle green, or red to match the waterproof garments.

The Turk's headgear of yesterday is being made into foot-warmers to-day. The Red Crescent, which corresponds to the American Red Cross, is collecting thousands of discarded fuzes and having them made into bed-slip-pers for the poor and sick.

A motor-lorry, bound for Edinburgh, mounted the pavement and crashed through a fence in Willesden, Middlesex. When the police arrived they found the driver dead at the wheel. The man, James Rawcliffe, aged 40, of Thornton, Lancs, had died from double pneumonia.

If anything happened to the Free State's foreign wheat supplies the people would be without bread for 10 days out of 16, it was stated by the chairman of a farmers' conference in Dublin. The acreage under wheat has declined from half a million to a quarter of a million since 1851. The farmers said that wheat growing did not pay.

"Chaplin and Russell, Glen-shaw mansions, Brixton," reads on a set of bookmaker's rules still in existence. Charlie Chaplin and Jimmie Russell were both in "Mumming Birds," and they made a half-crown book. "If some one put three half-crowns suddenly on a horse," says Russell, who still lives in London, "Charlie used to have to rush off to a street bookmaker to lay some of it off."

If the American Department of Agriculture has its way, kissing opportunities under the Christmas mistletoe will be abolished. The department doesn't object to the kissing, but to the mistletoe, which is regarded as a dangerous forest pest. A drive has been started against mistletoe in the national forests and within ten years the department hopes to exterminate the plant.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. F. C. Greatrex, British vice-consul at Yokohama, won the recent Yokohama United Club billiard championship, by defeating Mr. George Christnacht.

Owing to an attack of bronchitis, Judge Milton D. Purdy who was to have officiated at the Thanksgiving Day services held by the American Community in the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, was unable to take part in these services.

A pleasing incident of the Shanghai Caledonian Ball was the singing of "The Road to the Isles" by Mr. William Heugan. The famous Scottish bass was in splendid voice, and it was most appropriate that his final appearance in Shanghai, for the present, should have coincided with the Festival of St. Andrew.

Mr. Harold Porter, who has been acting British Consul-General in Hankow during the absence on leave of Mr. H. Goffe, was entertained to a farewell dinner on November 23, by Marshal Wu Peifu at his private residence. The only other foreigner present was Mr. Archibald Grant.

Dwight F. Davis, the new Secretary of War of the United States, was the donor of the famous lawn tennis international challenge cup—really a silver rose bowl, which bears his name. He has other claims to lawn tennis celebrity, for he shared with his brother American, Holcombe Ward, the distinction of having been the first foreigner to win an event at Wimbledon. This was in 1901. When he and Ward won the "All Comers' Doubles," Mr. Davis became a colonel in the U.S. Army in 1918, and has very friendly feelings towards England.

Of interest to their friends in Shanghai is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Lucy Elizabeth Morrison to Mr. William Colman, son of Dr. Robert Colman of Peking. The marriage ceremony took place at the American Consulate, the uncle of the bride, Mr. Charles R. Cox formerly of Hankow and now en route to Ichang where he is engaged in business acting as witness. The romance was terminated after several weeks' acquaintance beginning with a house-party at the Standard Oil house in Soochow, where Mr. Colman is representative of the Standard Oil. The couple left for America on the "President Cleveland."

Major W. M. L. Bower has been appointed to act as harbour master, Malacca and Mr. F. J. Morten to be a member of the board of examiners in Malay.

To get a thorough insight into immigration conditions in the Antipodes, Lord Apsley, did chores to learn the views of fellow workers, while Lady Apsley waited on table. After going from England to Australia in the steerage they took up a homestead claim under the homestead group system to acquaint themselves with the situation.

A radio message from Mr. Gerrard from the "Empress of Russia," congratulating the French, English and Scotch teams in the International Walking Race, Shanghai, and condoling with the Irish, has been received by Mr. E. Linde, Hon. Sec. and Treas. Mr. W. C. H. Knight has been adjudged the oldest competitor to finish in the time limit and has been presented with the Veteran's cup presented by Mr. Wm. Brandt and Mr. W. McCann the youngest competitor, received the cup presented by Mr. E. J. Lloyd.

Prince Chichibu of Japan has left Scotland with very real regret. He loved the life at Invermoriston, and gives promise of becoming an excellent shot—an unusual accomplishment for a Japanese Royal personage. He found the Highland tongue of great interest, and has even tried to talk with a Scots accent. There is a possibility that Prince Chichibu may do some hunting with the Prince of Wales this season. Also, when Baron Hayashi returns to London it will probably be as a sort of "friend, counsellor and guide" to the young Prince.

Amongst the women law students who have passed their Bar Final in the recent examinations is a very interesting personality, that clever little Welsh woman, Miss Dorothy Evans, one of the chiefs of the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries. Miss Evans has been an acknowledged leader of the black-coated for ten years, and is an accomplished speaker and a shrewd and canny organiser. It is partly to her that the City typist owes, amongst other advantages, the opening of the Langbourne Club, which is the only girls' club in London, save the Awkes in Belgrave, which draws upon the same source of membership, that is independent of patronage and philanthropy, however tactful and well intentioned.

Mr. R. E. Shaw, sub-manager in the International Banking Corporation in Kobe, has been transferred to the Manila branch of that organisation. He and Mrs. Shaw and son Richard sailed for Manila on board the steamer "President Taft," from Kobe on December 2. Mr. Shaw has been in Japan for the last five years, having been in Yokohama prior to the 1923 earthquake. He is to be sub-manager in Manila.

Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., the Labour leader, whose wife died in 1923, has secretly re-married. The news was disclosed at a meeting of the council of the Trades Union Congress when a card was received, reading "Kindest regards from Mr. and Mrs. Thorne." Mr. Will Thorne, who is 68 years of age, married, in 1898, Emily, daughter of the late William Byford, treasurer of the National Union of General Workers. She was his second wife. He has four sons and five daughters.

Two doctors were called in to see M. Coue, the teacher of auto-suggestion, when he was taken ill at Salisbury. M. Coue was unable to give the two lectures arranged, but after the meeting he addressed at the Albert Hall he told a "Daily Chronicle" representative that he was not responsible for calling in medical aid. "I was seized with a slight hemorrhage shortly before I was due to lecture," he said. "My friends became alarmed and sent for doctors. Meanwhile, I practised my own treatment, and said to myself constantly, 'Ce passe' (it is going). 'By the time the doctors arrived I had cured myself, but it was then too late to give the lectures. I am 69, and am never ill.'" M. Coue added.

All books written by his late father, Charles Darwin, letters, and books written by members of the Darwin family are left by Sir Francis Darwin, the famous botanist, to his son Bernard. Other bequests from the estate, valued at £37,747, include:—

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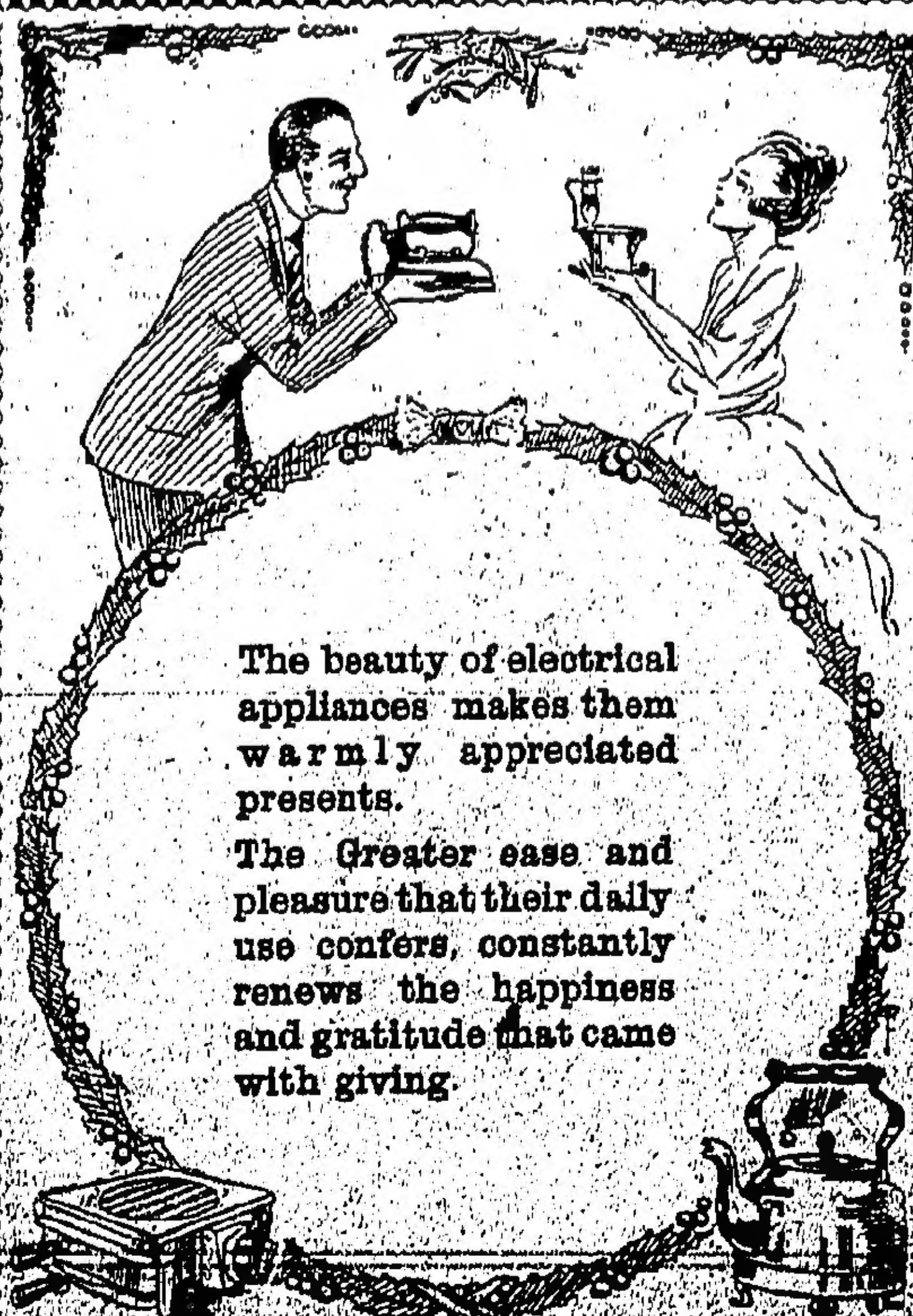
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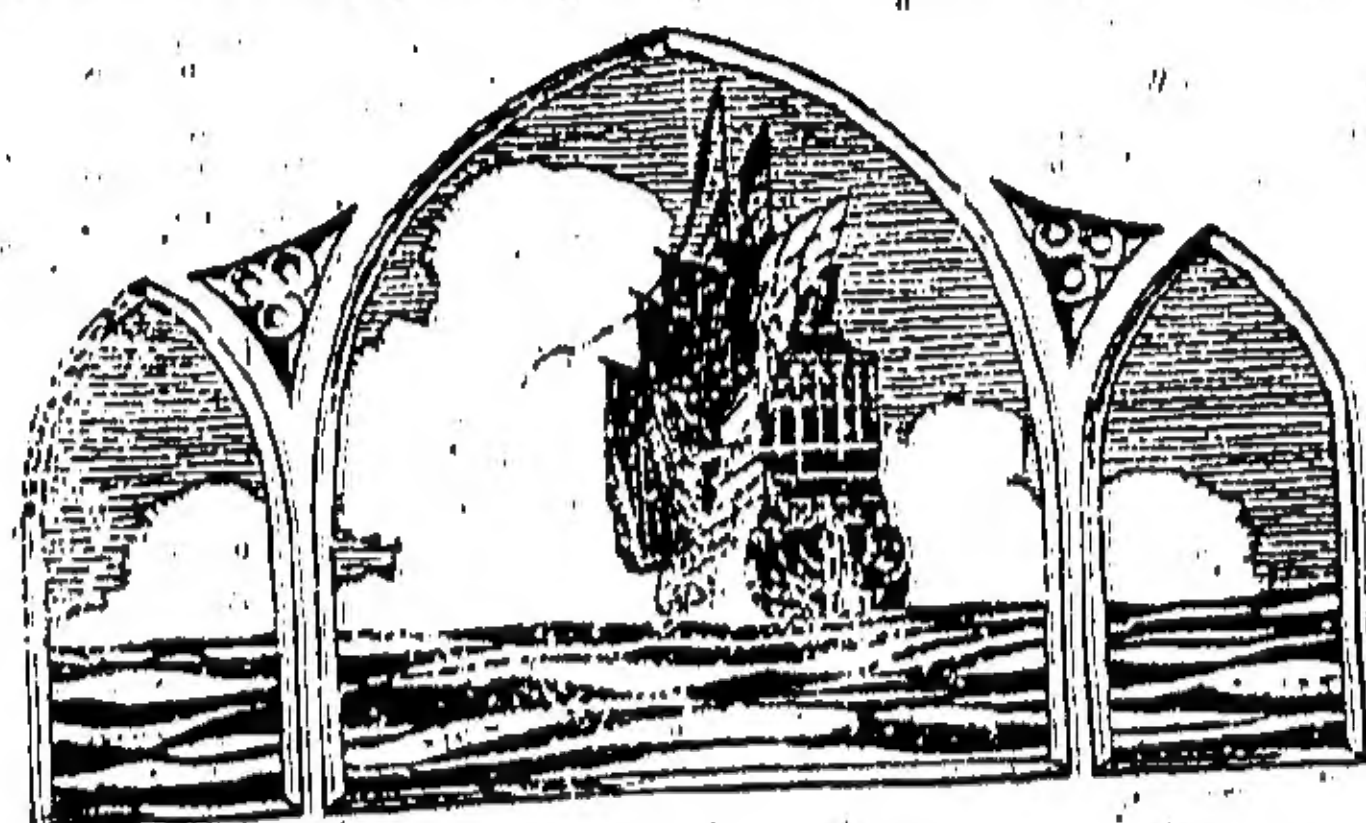
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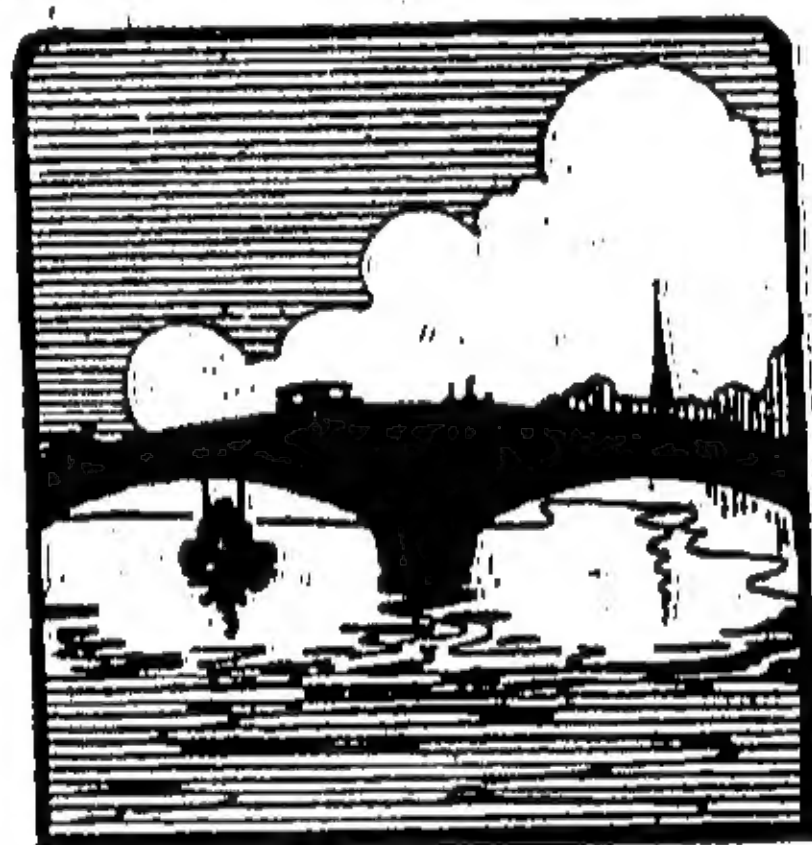


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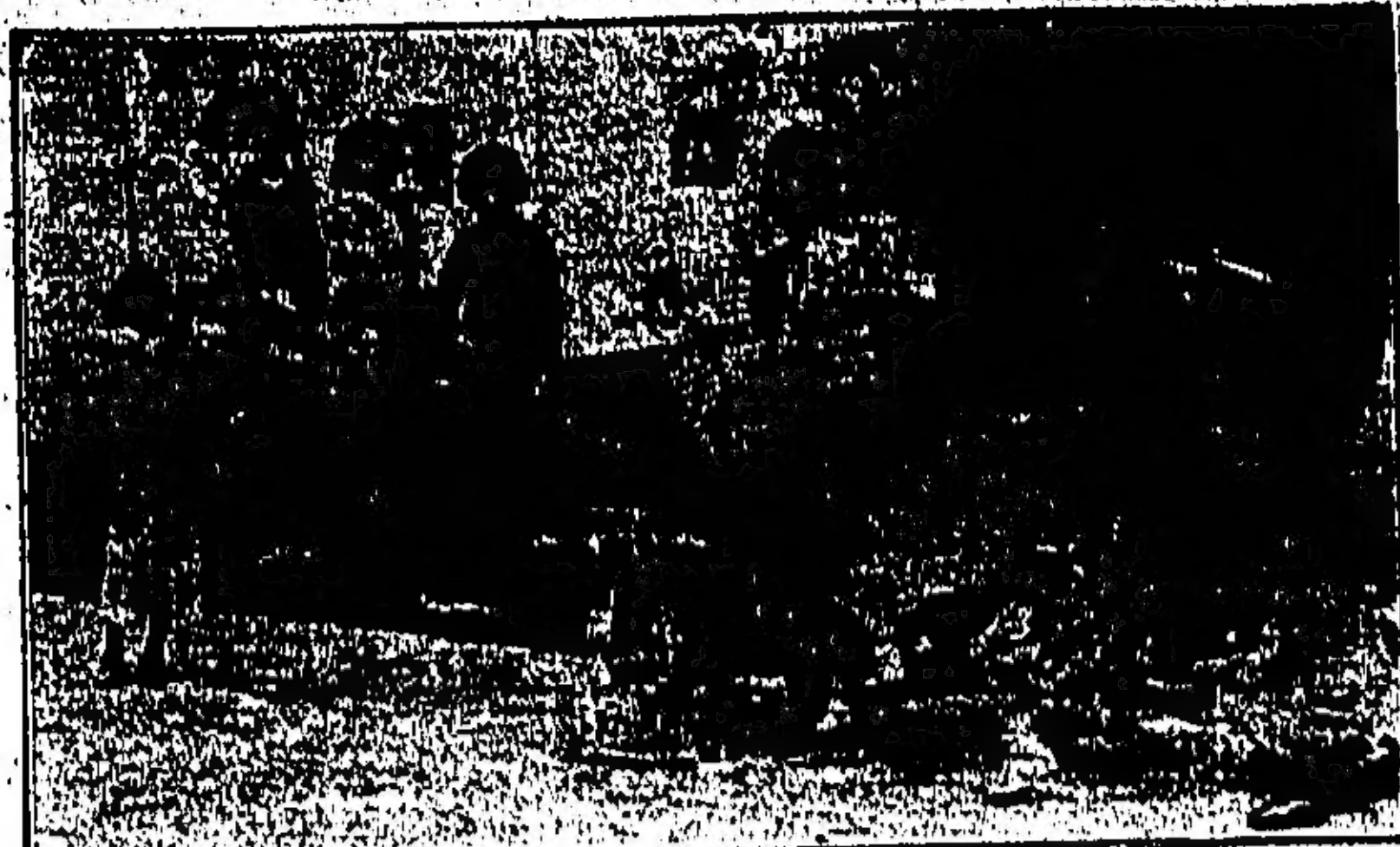
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CATHEDRAL WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming, 50 Queen's Road Central.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) and Miss Marjorie Forbes who were married at St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday, snapped prior to the reception at Police Headquarters; and Miss Jackie Scott, the little flower-girl.

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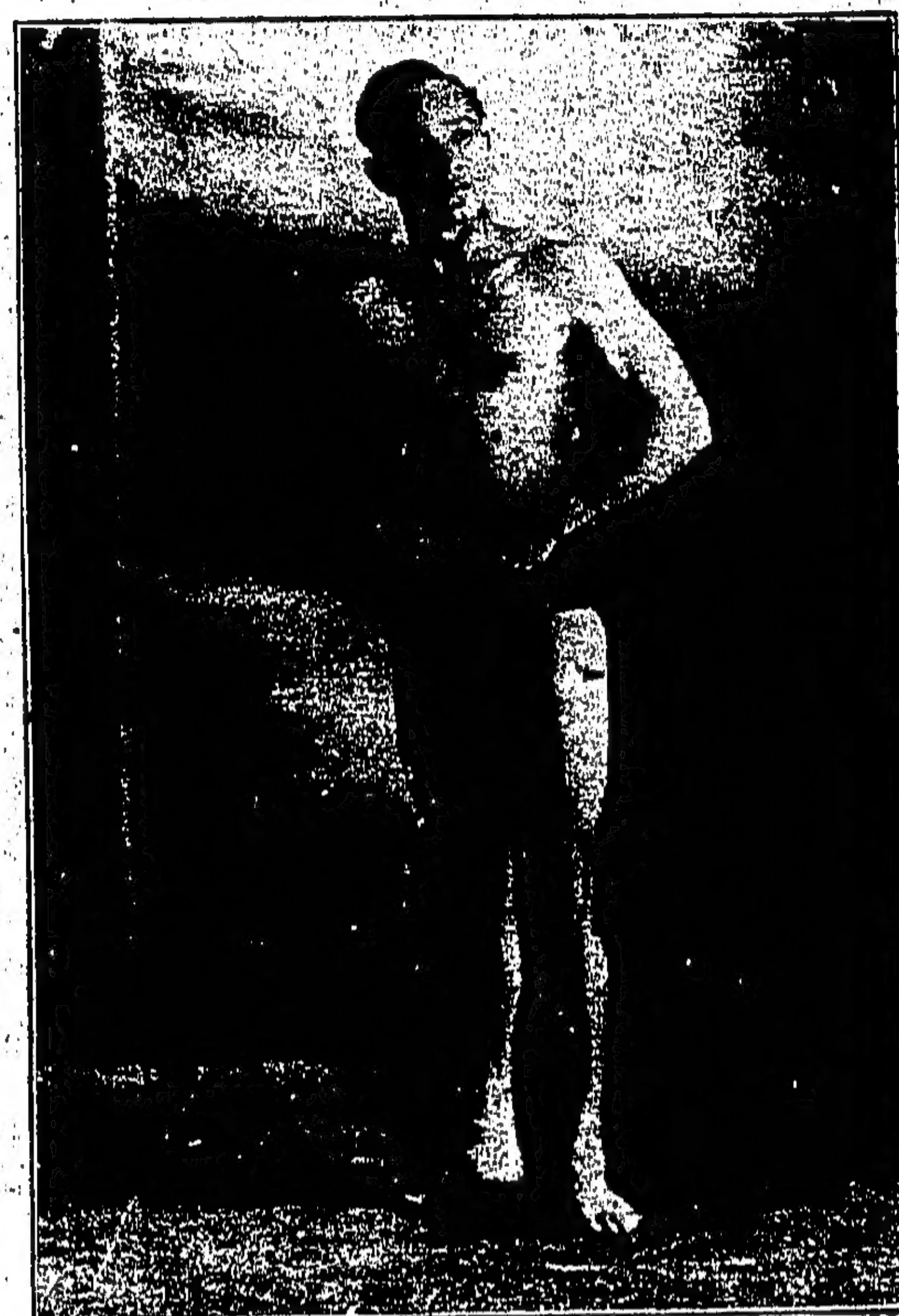
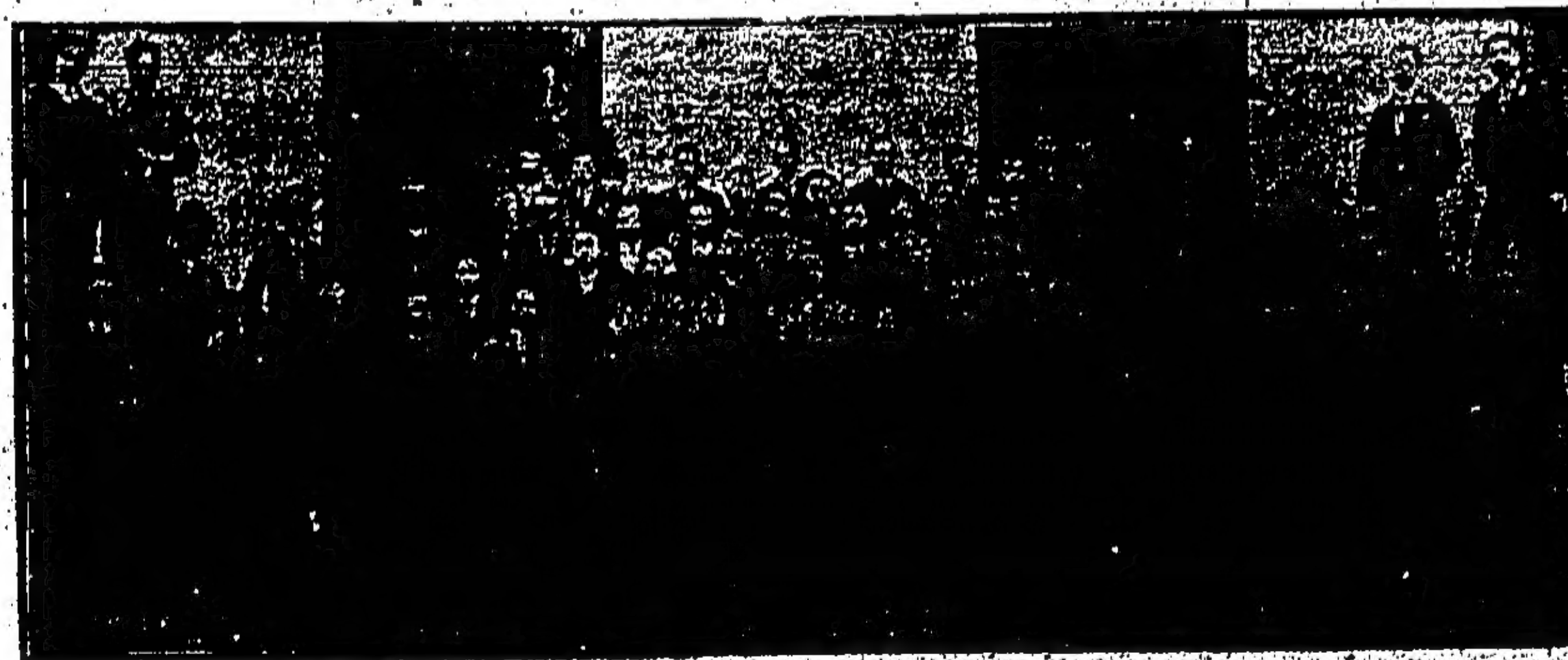


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Mr. A. J. Maurilio, physical director of Wah Yan College, Hongkong, who secured 12th place out of 100,000 eligible contestants in the International Earl E. Liederman 1925 prize contest for the most symmetrically developed physique.

LOCAL WEMBLEY EXHIBITORS.



Hongkong's contingent of exhibitors at this year's (Wembley) British Empire Exhibition. In the centre of the group (front row) are the Chinese ladies who took part.



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A pose showing the highly developed muscles of the back and arms of Mr. Maurilio who has a large number of local pupils in physical culture.

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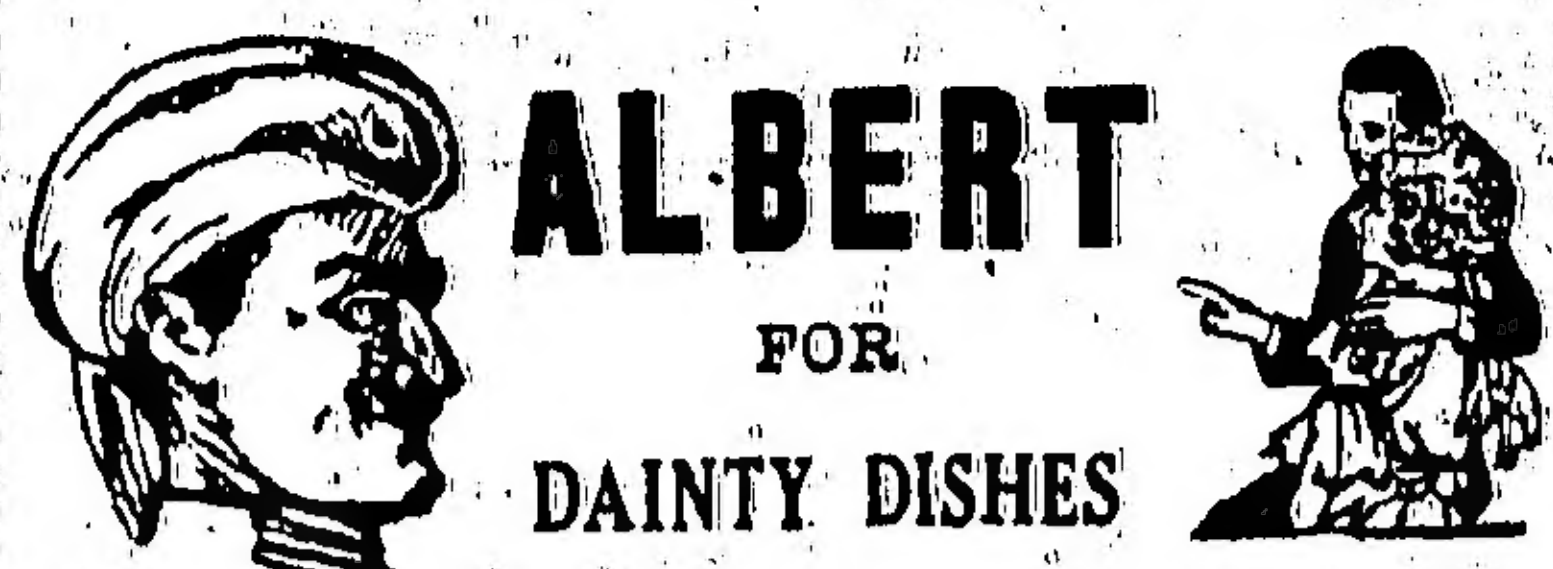
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Then, too, the vogue for printed things, in all the brilliant tones, has been incorporated into the bathing suit or ensemble. Rubberised printed silk is smartly used for the blouse, while a diving suit in matching colour is worn beneath. Prints in all the floral patterns are highly popular and mark a new era in the mode for lovely surf fashions.

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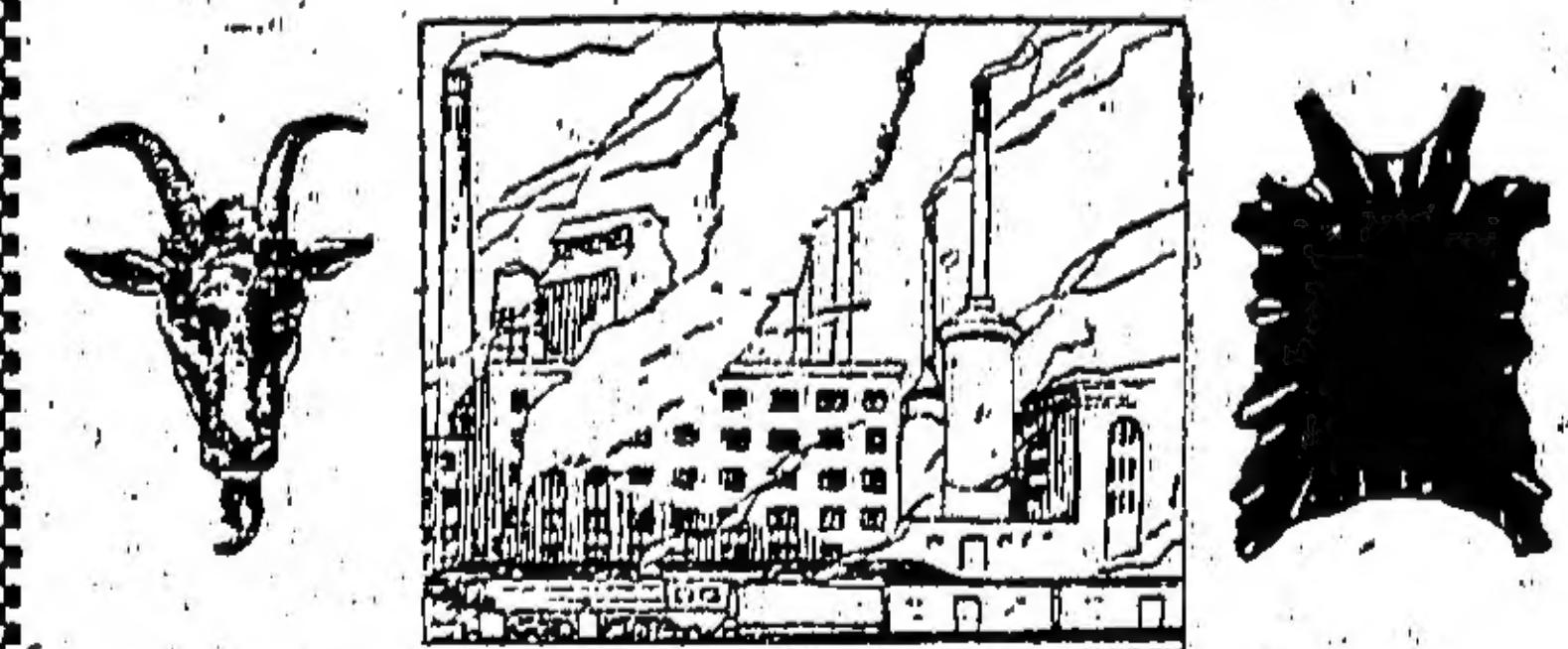
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Amoy	13.	3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	13.	5.00 p.m.
Haiphong	14.	9.00 a.m.
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& EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.	14.	9.00 a.m.
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th Dec., 1925.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1925.

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T. T. LAURENSEN,
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Hongkong, 10th December, 1925.

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